

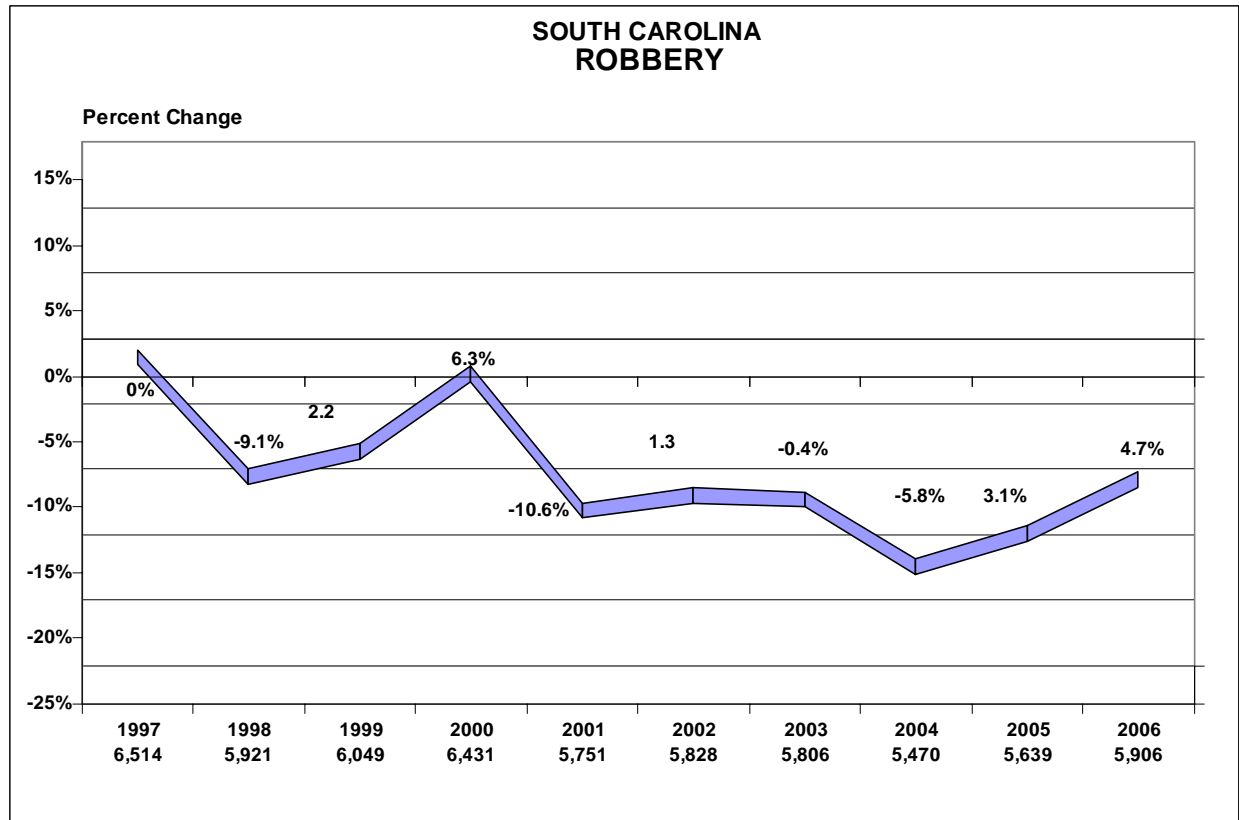
# ROBBERY

## DEFINITION

Robbery, for UCR purposes, is defined as the unlawful taking of the property of another through the use or threat of force. Robbery is a violent crime in which the element of personal confrontation between the victim and offender is present. Attempts to rob are included in the robbery count. Armed robberies, those involving weapons, and strong-arm robberies, those not involving weapons, make up the two major categories. One robbery is counted for each distinct operation, regardless of the number of victims present at the time.

## ROUNDING

Percentages shown in the tables and charts may not add to 100% due to rounding. Rates per 10,000 population and percent changes also have been rounded.



### 2006 SUMMARY

There were 5,904 robberies reported in the 2006 crime index. During this year, robberies increased 4.7 percent compared to those reported in 2005.

There were 2,034 robberies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 29.0 percent statewide.

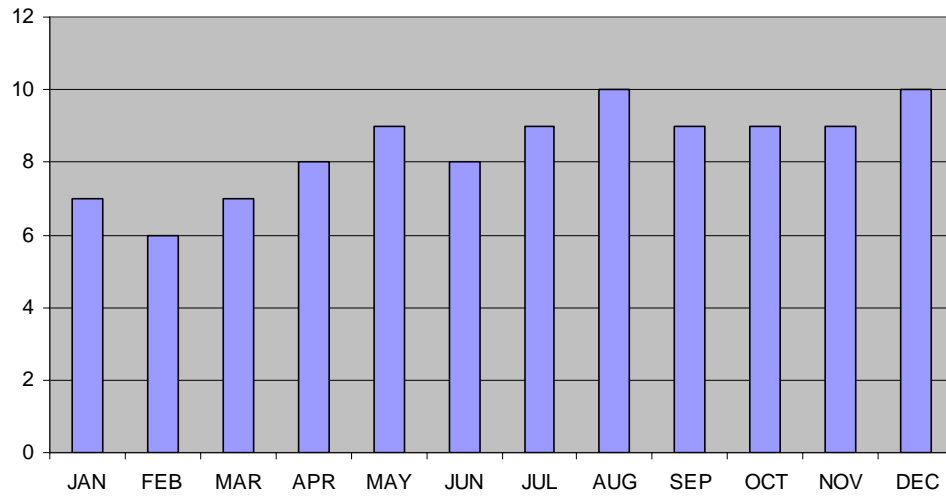
The robbery rate in South Carolina was 13.67 per 10,000 persons.

The age group 17-21 accounted for 40.0 percent of persons arrested for robbery, followed by 20.0 percent for 25-34 years of age. Males represented 92.0 percent of the total arrests made. Of all persons arrested for robbery, 23.0 percent were white, 77.0 percent were black.

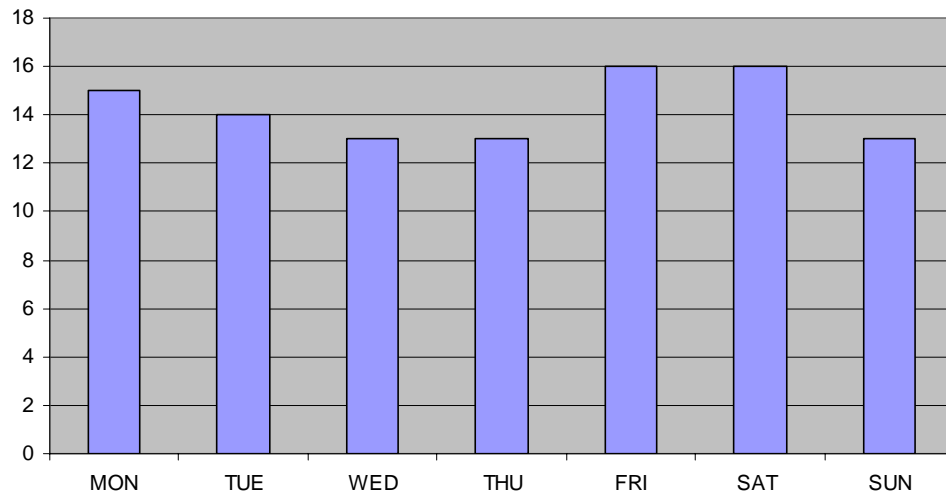
Firearms were used in 51.0 percent of all robberies, cutting instruments in 8.0 percent, hands and feet in 31.0 percent, other weapons in 6.0 percent, and unknown weapons in 4.0 percent.

The greatest number of robberies reported for any premise type occurred on streets and highways, accounting for 23.4 percent of the total.

**2006 ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY MONTH  
PERCENTAGES**



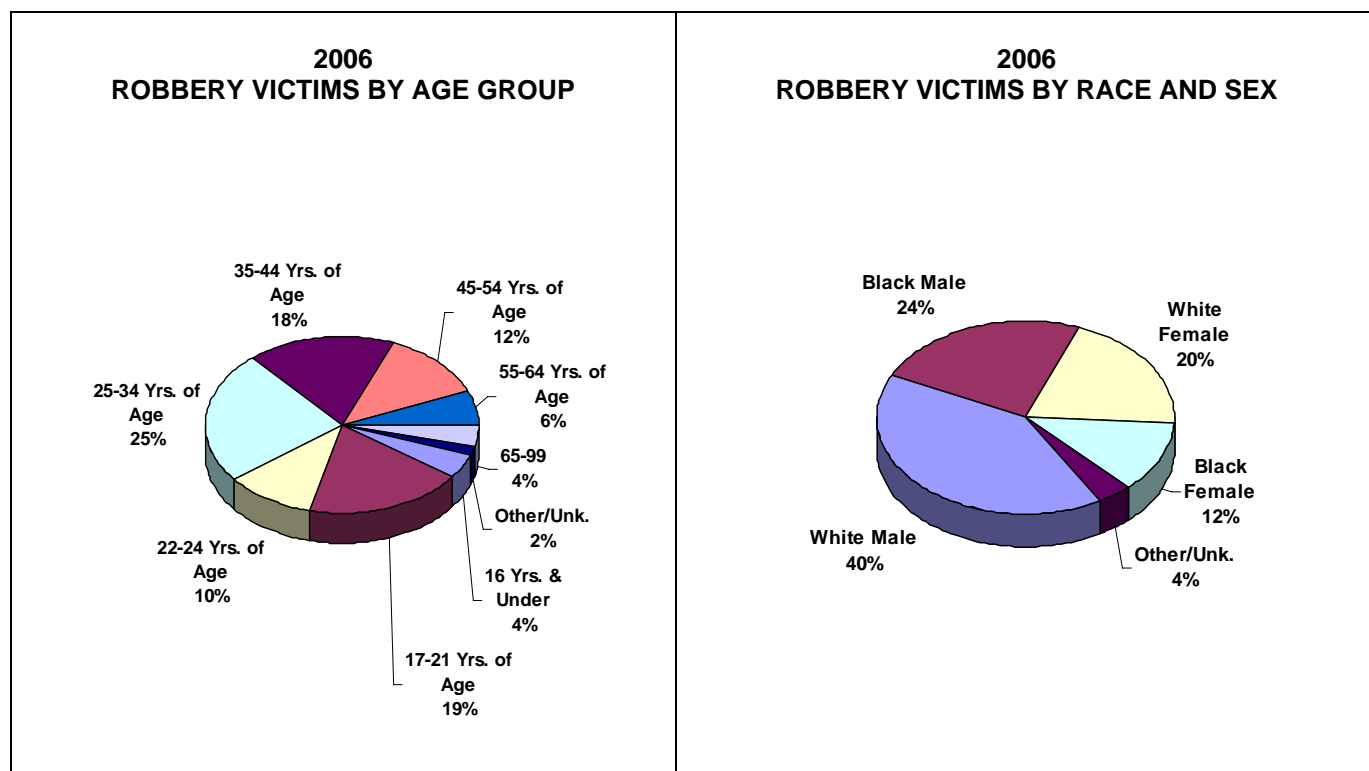
**2006 ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK  
PERCENTAGES**



### 2006 ROBBERY VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	Unk Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female	Unk Female	Unk Unk
01 – 04	17	1	6	0	0	7	2	0	0	1
05 – 09	23	4	7	0	0	5	4	3	0	0
10 – 16	303	125	97	3	1	40	35	2	0	0
17 – 21	1,453	603	371	13	10	245	185	11	8	7
22 – 24	807	325	192	6	0	157	119	6	1	1
25 – 34	1,869	816	413	29	12	325	256	15	1	2
35 – 44	1,361	532	293	33	9	314	163	15	2	0
45 – 54	955	362	237	28	4	218	92	10	3	1
55 – 64	489	167	138	13	3	118	42	7	1	0
65 – 99	295	140	54	2	1	70	27	0	0	1
Other/Unk.	135	44	29	5	7	24	11	1	2	12
<b>State Total</b>	<b>7,707</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>

**NOTE:** The victim counts shown here have not been subjected to the “hierarchy rule” (explained elsewhere); therefore, all victims linked to this offense type are counted.

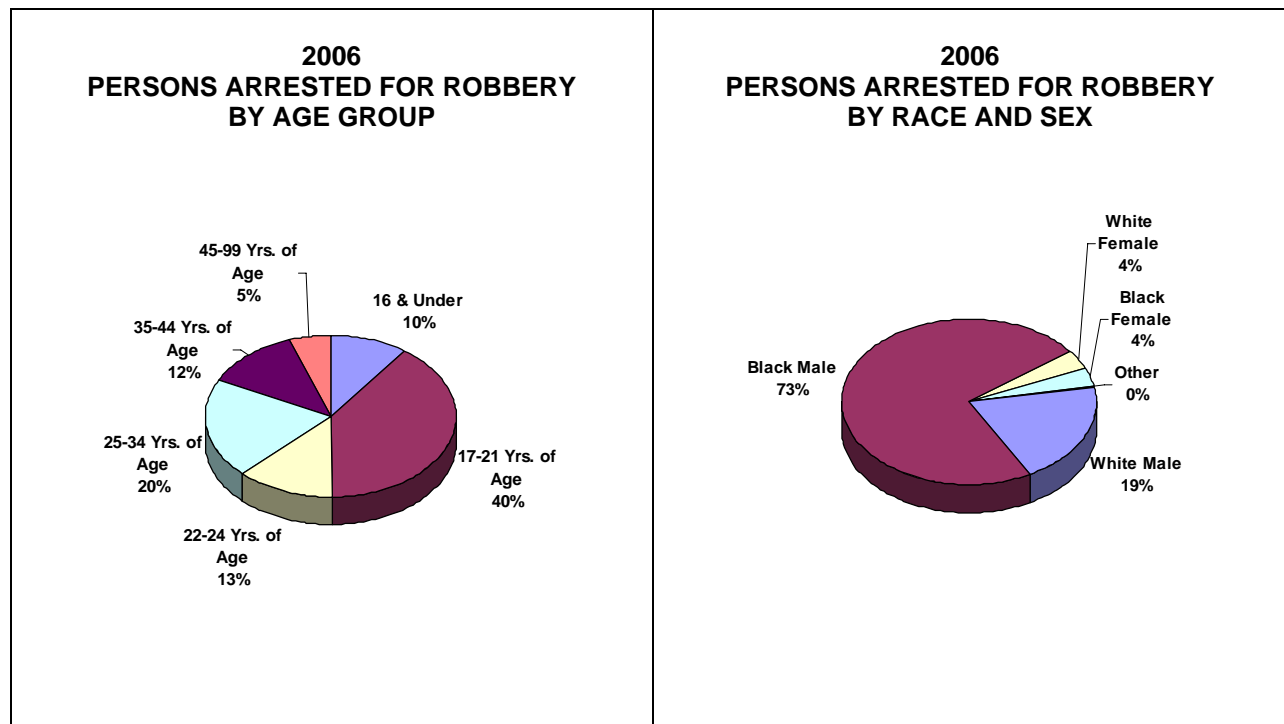


Forty percent of robbery victims in 2006 were white males; 24 percent were black males. Twenty percent of robbery victims were white females; 12 percent were black females.

### 2006 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	206	27	165	0	7	7	0
17 – 21	808	116	643	3	23	22	1
22 – 24	256	47	184	2	14	9	0
25 – 34	410	110	265	2	15	18	0
35 – 44	244	65	148	0	16	15	0
45 – 54	102	34	64	0	2	2	0
55 – 64	6	1	5	0	0	0	0
65 – 99	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1</b>

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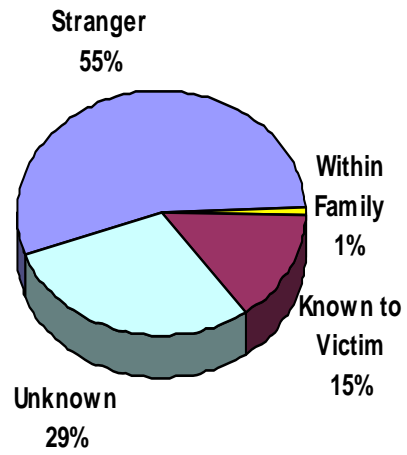
Nineteen percent of persons arrested for robbery in 2006 were white males; 73 percent were black males. White females accounted for 4 percent of persons arrested for robbery, black females also accounted for 4 percent.

# 2004-2006 RELATIONSHIP OF ROBBERY VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS

Relationship Of Victim To Offender	Number of Victims 2004	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2005	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2006	% Distr.
<b>Within Family</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Spouse	5	0.1	9	0.1	4	0.1
Parent	13	0.2	18	0.2	19	0.2
Child	4	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
Sibling	4	0.1	3	0.0	6	0.1
Common-Law Spouse	3	0.0	3	0.0	3	0.0
Grandparent	3	0.0	1	0.0	3	0.0
Grandchild	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0
Stepsibling	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0
Stepparent	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Stepchild	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
In-law	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Other Family	20	0.3	33	0.5	36	0.5
<b>Known to Victim</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Boy/Girlfriend	39	0.6	41	0.6	43	0.6
Friend	48	0.7	45	0.6	51	0.7
Acquaintance	849	12.3	787	10.9	770	10.0
Homosexual	5	0.1	2	0.0	2	0.0
Ex-Spouse	2	0.0	2	0.0	5	0.1
Neighbor	12	0.2	12	0.2	8	0.1
Child of BF/GF	0	0.0	2	0.0	2	0.0
Employee	5	0.1	3	0.0	3	0.0
Employer	5	0.1	2	0.0	6	0.1
Babysittee	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Other	135	2.0	163	2.3	196	2.5
<b>Stranger</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>4,176</b>	<b>54.2</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>30.7</b>
<b>Victim also Offender</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>6,882</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,205</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,707</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**NOTE:** The victim counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all victims linked to this offense type are counted. For simplicity, only one relationship category has been counted for each victim. (If there was more than one offender related to a victim, only the relationship "closest" to that victim was counted.)

**2004-2006**  
**ROBBERY BY RELATIONSHIP**  
**(Victim to Offender)**



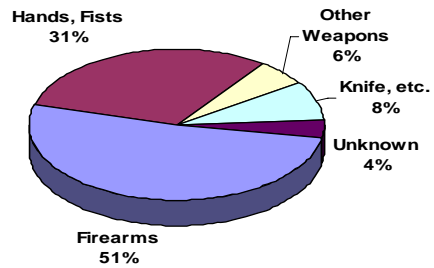
### 2004-2006 ROBBERY INCIDENT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Weapons	2004 Incidents	% Distr.	2005 Incidents	% Distr.	2006 Incidents	% Distr.
Handgun	2,331	42.2	2,350	41.3	2,607	43.7
Rifle	29	0.5	42	0.7	44	0.7
Shotgun	114	2.1	131	2.3	143	2.4
Other Firearm	16	0.3	34	0.6	28	0.5
Firearm Unknown Type	290	5.3	428	7.5	440	7.4
<b>Firearm Total</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>3,262</b>	<b>54.7</b>
Knife/Cutting Instrument	480	8.7	457	8.0	473	7.9
Blunt Object	192	3.5	202	3.5	176	2.9
<b>Knife/ Blunt Object Total</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Fire/Incendiary Device	2	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Explosives	4	0.1	2	0.0	2	0.0
<b>Fire/Explosive Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Motor Vehicle	19	0.3	11	0.2	14	0.2
Drugs/Narcotics	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Poison	1	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
Other	96	1.7	99	1.7	101	1.7
Strangulation	1	0.0	3	0.1	2	0.0
<b>Other Dangerous Weapons</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Hands, Feet	1,556	28.2	1,479	26.0	1,470	24.6
Drowning	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pushed	0	0.0	5	0.1	0	0.0
<b>Hands, Etc. Total</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>24.6</b>
Unknown	214	3.9	210	3.7	219	3.7
None	176	3.2	238	4.2	245	4.1
<b>State Total</b>	<b>5,522</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,967</b>	<b>100.0</b>

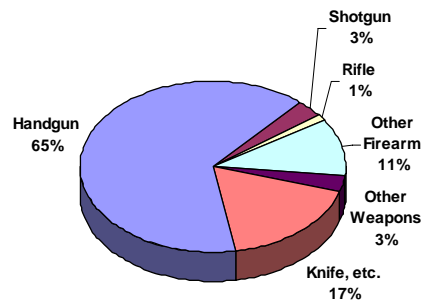
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**2004-2006  
ROBBERY INCIDENT  
WEAPON DISTRIBUTION**



**2004-2006  
ARMED ROBBERY INCIDENT  
WEAPON DISTRIBUTION**



### 2004-2006 ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

<b>Premise</b>	<b>2004 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2005 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2006 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	6	0.1	4	0.1	11	0.2
Bank/Savings and Loan	147	2.7	129	2.3	148	2.5
Bar/Nightclub	98	1.8	88	1.5	79	1.3
Church/Synagogue	14	0.3	10	0.2	13	0.2
Commercial/ Office Building	164	3.0	178	3.1	161	2.7
Construction Site	0	0.0	2	0.0	7	0.1
Convenience Store	684	12.4	633	11.1	719	12.0
Department/Discount Store	133	2.4	136	2.4	128	2.1
Drugstore/Doctor/Hospital	33	0.6	30	0.5	28	0.5
Field/Woods	53	1.0	58	1.0	62	1.0
Government/Public Building	20	0.4	19	0.3	18	0.3
Grocery/Supermarket	129	2.3	83	1.5	107	1.8
Highway/Road	1,302	23.6	1,389	24.4	1,395	23.4
Hotel/Motel	218	3.9	278	4.9	265	4.4
Jail/Prison	2	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
Lake/Waterway	11	0.2	6	0.1	13	0.2
Liquor Store	25	0.5	20	0.4	21	0.4
Parking Lot/Garage	375	6.8	451	7.9	469	7.9
Rental Storage Facility	3	0.1	2	0.0	1	0.0
Residence/Home	1,076	19.5	1,084	19.0	1,224	20.5
Restaurant	281	5.1	261	4.6	305	5.1
School K-12	35	0.6	31	0.5	29	0.5
Service/Gas Station	118	2.1	131	2.3	124	2.1
Specialty Store	111	2.0	127	2.2	113	1.9
Other/Unknown	146	2.6	151	2.7	176	2.9
Colleges	24	0.4	25	0.4	25	0.4
Shopping Mall	19	0.3	16	0.3	16	0.3
Apartment/Condo	289	5.2	347	6.1	301	5.0
Highway Rest Areas	6	0.1	3	0.1	8	0.1
Court/Courthouse	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>5,522</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,967</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**2004-2006  
ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE**

